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Modification of Mail Classification
Schedule for Country Price List
For International Mail

Docket No. MC2012-17

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS
ON POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE
OF MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(May 16, 2012)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to Order No. 1336.¹ In that Order the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service notice of a minor classification change concerning the addition of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Country Price Lists for International Mail.²

The Postal Service proposes to modify the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) by creating a separate country listing for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to reflect its independence from Indonesia. Notice at 1. The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste is to be assign to the Country Price Groups (shown in parentheses) for the following international mail products and services: Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (6), Global Express Guaranteed (6), Priority Mail International (6), International Priority Airmail (14), and International Surface Air Lift (14). *Id.* at 4. The proposed Country Price Groups for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste are the same as those for Indonesia with the exception of Express Mail International (EMI), which is not available to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

¹ PRC Order No. 1336, Notice and Order on Postal Service Request for Minor Classification Change Affecting Country Price List (Timor-Leste), May 9, 2012.

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Classification Changes, May 7, 2012 (Notice).

The Public Representative considers the proposed classification change to be consistent with 39 U.S.C. §3642. The Postal Service's proposed change simply recognizes a new country—the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste—in the MCS and assigns rates to products that may be sent to that country. Consequently, the proposed change is truly minor in nature and appropriate for notice pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91. Sections 3020.90 and 3020.91 permit the Postal Service to initiate changes to the MCS that do not constitute a proposal to modify either the market dominant or competitive product list. 39 C.F.R. § 3020.91.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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